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side, the cost the counties are now incurring, in my view, those are costs that are the obligation of the state. The only reason the counties are encountering these costs is because we lack this level of services in our system because of the overcrowding of Kearney and Geneva, that the youth there do not have enough time, and there's a frustration in the juvenile...judges...with juvenile judges of having kids go there and immediately be turned out. We need...we also have other issues dealing with the number of youth at Kearney that will be addressed in other bills, that I hope will relieve some of the overcrowding also, because some of the kids who are there don't need to be there. But, because we lack services in a continuum, we have problems in that regard. But the counties' costs that they are incurring are higher than they would be at the state, because the state access Medicaid to be able to pay for 60 percent of those costs, so the costs will be lower. But I believe those costs that are our obligation as a state. These are kids who are state placements, they should not be county placements. And I worry about the types of things that happen to those kids when we make piecemeal decisions when we're building systems and placements that aren't seen as part of a larger picture. I guess, in closing today, I would say this state has made a great commitment to addressing the needs of the adult correctional There is more that probably should be done, as Senator Pedersen said. But, if we don't do some work on the juvenile side, we're going to have some of these same kids back in that system. We need to make our very best effort on the juvenile People who study this issue say that if you concentrate on the serious, chronic offenders, if you can change the behavior of serious, chronic offenders, that's where you save the most money, because they are the ones who end up in If we can have treatment for these institutional settings. kids, and if you looked at the histories of a lot of these kids, last year when we were debating the facilities I passed them out, I mean these are kids who have had tremendous problems in their homes, they have histories of abuse, they then get involved in drugs and alcohol and other things and it all spirals on them. But we can undo that. We won't be successful with everybody.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.